with gangster Anees Ibrahim Kaskar (brother of Dawood Ibrahim) in connection with settlement of their financial dispute.

The Mumbai Police had summoned both Shri Rasiklal Dhariwal and J.M. Joshi for examination. However, both were reported to be out of India and stated to be in Dubai. Replies were also received from them expressing their inability to join investigation immediately for one reason or the other. Consequently, the Mumbai Police moved MCOCA court Mumbai and got issued open ended non-bailable warrants on 31.12.2004 against Shri Dhariwal and Shri Joshi.

The Mumbai Police also requested NCB, India to have Red Corner Notices issued by INTERPOL against both of them. Accordingly, Red Corner Notices against Shri Rasiklal Dhariwal and Shri J.M. Joshi were published on 19.01.2005 by INTERPOL.

CBI has taken over the investigation of the above case at the request of Government of Maharashtra on 09.02.2005. Shri J.M. Joshi after his return to India has joined investigation of CBI on 25.02.2005. Shri Dhariwal is yet to return back and the Red Corner Notices are still in existence.

Recruitment of women in CPOs

1642. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plan to expand the recruitment of women in CPOs in the country;

(b) if so, what are the present guidelines with regard to recruitment of women in CPOs;

(c) whether it is a fact that there is a need for women in CPOs in many disturbed areas of the country;

(d) the steps proposed to encourage women to seek employment in CPOs in disturbed areas; and

(e) the incentive proposed to be given for such women?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Women are recruited to the Central Police Organisations (CPOs), through a common set of guidelines but some relaxation in physical standards is allowed.

(c) Mahila Battalion is deployed as situation demands.

(d) and (e) In a recent amendment to the recruitment procedure of Constables in CPOs, the disturbed areas have been provided additional weightage in allocating vacancies. This will help in recruiting women from such areas if they apply and fulfill the recruitment criteria.

Constitution of Voluntary Civil Force

1643. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to constitute a voluntary civil force to be deployed in times of natural calamities;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The country has a pool of trained Civil Defence Volunteers. These Civil Defence Volunteers are provided training in various services like communications, casualty management, rescue, welfare and supply management, depot and transport services, fire fighting, salvage and corpse disposal. These services are akin to the requirements of assistance needed in the event of disasters. State Governments may also utilize the services of Civil Defence Volunteers for mitigation/prevention and preparedness for disasters as well as for response and relief after a disaster has struck.

Population of Muslims as per Census 2001

1644. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Census 2001 has been completed;

(b) if so, the total expenditure incurred on the census;

(c) what is the population of Muslims State-wise and district-wise in various States/Union Territories as per this census;

(d) what are the names of first three most density States, according to 2001 Census; and